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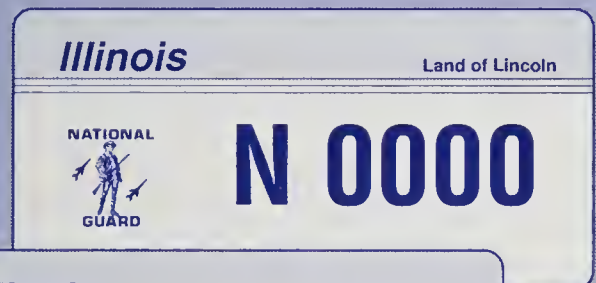
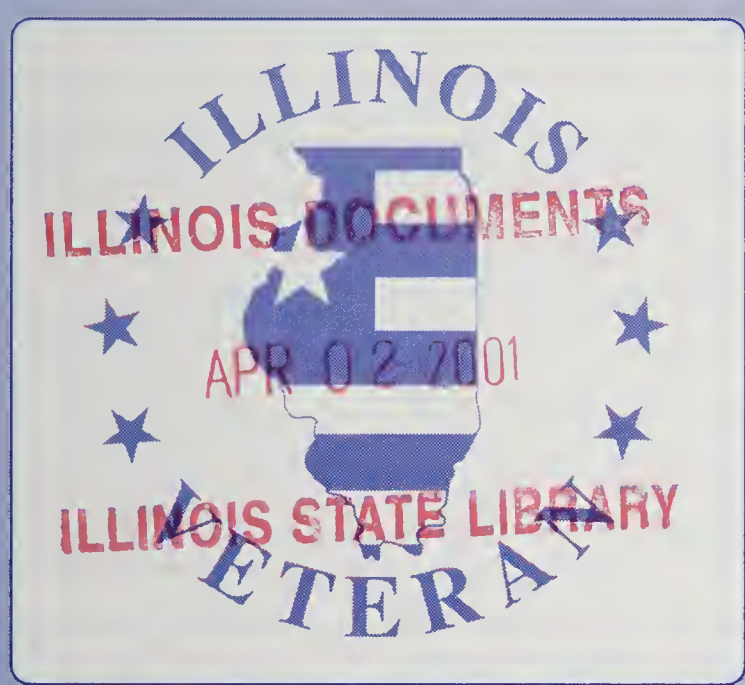
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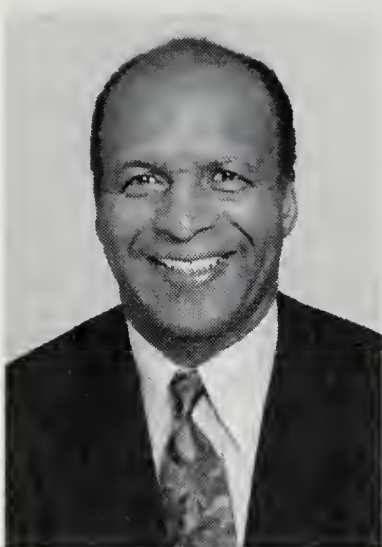
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# Military License Plates



JESSE WHITE  
Secretary of State



## A Message from the Secretary of State

Dear Friends:

Having served in the U.S. Armed Forces twice — first as a paratrooper in the Army's 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, then later as a member of the Illinois National Guard, I understand the contributions veterans have made to our country and share their pride.

My office offers several different military service-related license plates to honor those who have served this great country. This brochure details the variety of military plates available and will help steer you in the right direction on how to apply for them.

If you qualify for any of these special military plate categories, I strongly encourage you to proudly display these plates on your vehicle and get the recognition you rightfully deserve.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jesse White". The script is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a stylized "W".

JESSE WHITE  
Secretary of State

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## Congressional Medal of Honor



Illinois residents who have been awarded this medal may apply for these plates at **no cost for the first set**.

**Required:** a form from the federal government or a letter from the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs verifying that the applicant received the medal.

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## Silver Star Bronze Star



Illinois residents who have been awarded the Silver Star or the Bronze Star medal may apply for as many sets of these plates as they have vehicles titled, registered or leased in their name.

**Required:** a photocopy of DD214 (discharge from military service) indicating receipt of the medal, or a letter from the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs or the federal government verifying the applicant's service record.

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## Gold Star



Surviving spouses of Illinois residents who have been awarded the Gold Star may apply for one set of these plates. If no spouse, the surviving parent may apply; if no parent, A surviving sibling may apply.

**Required:** a letter verifying receipt of the Gold Star medal, including the service member's name and relationship to the applicant.

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## Disabled Veteran



Any U.S. Armed Forces veteran who has a 100 percent military disability or is eligible to receive a federal grant toward the purchase of a vehicle may apply for these plates. **No fees are required for the first set of plates.**

*(Vehicles displaying these plates may park in spaces reserved for persons with disabilities. Parking meter fees and time limitations also are waived, except in areas with designated parking of 30 minutes or less.)*

**Required:** a letter from the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs verifying that you are: (1) 100 percent military service disabled, or (2) eligible to receive a federal grant toward the purchase of a vehicle, or (3) in receipt of a federal grant toward the purchase of a vehicle.

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### **Retired Armed Forces**



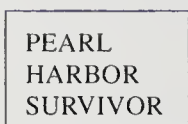
Any retired member of the U.S. Armed Forces who resides in Illinois may apply for these plates.

**Required:** a photocopy of DD Form 2 (U.S. Uniformed Service ID Card) verifying full retirement status.

*(Members of the Armed Forces Reserves or Illinois National Guard who have not reached age 60 must submit a copy of DD Form 2 and documentation showing transfer to retired status.)*

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### **Pearl Harbor Survivor**



Any Illinois resident who, while a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, served at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, may apply for these plates.

The widowed spouse of a Pearl Harbor survivor may apply for plates, provided the spouse was married to the Pearl Harbor survivor at the time of death and single at the time of application.

**Required:** a letter verifying the applicant was present on the island of Oahu or aboard a ship within three miles of the island during the attack.

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### **Ex-Prisoner of War**



U.S. citizens who are present or former members of the U.S. Armed Forces or any of its allies and were prisoners of war may apply for these plates. **No fees are required for the first set of plates.**



The name of the ex-prisoner of war must appear as owner or co-owner on both the title and registration applications.

The widowed spouse of an ex-prisoner of war may apply for the plates, provided the spouse was married to the ex-prisoner of war at the time of death and is single at the time of application.

**Required:** a form from the federal government or a letter from the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs verifying ex-prisoner of war status.

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### Purple Heart



Any Illinois resident who has been awarded the Purple Heart by a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces may apply for as many sets of these plates as they have vehicles titled, registered or leased in their name.

**Required:** a photocopy of DD214 (discharge from military service) or a letter from the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs or the federal government verifying Purple Heart status.

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### Illinois National Guard Armed Forces Reserves

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Any Illinois resident who is an active member of the Illinois National Guard or Armed Forces Reserves and has a 12-month term of enlistment may apply for these plates.



Reservists or National Guard members may apply for as many sets of these plates as they have vehicles titled, registered or leased in their name.

**Required:** a current photocopy of DD Form 2 (U.S. Uniformed Service ID Card) showing guard or reserve status. A copy of the form also is required upon renewal.

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## Korean War Veteran



Issued to Illinois residents who served in the U.S. Armed Forces between June 27, 1950, and July 27, 1954, within the territorial limits of Korea, or in waters immediately adjacent thereto, or who have been issued the Korean War Service Medal.

**Medal recipients may apply for as many sets of plates as they have vehicles titled, registered or leased in their name.**

**Required:** a photocopy of DD214 (discharge from military service) indicating the applicant received a Korean War Service Medal, or a letter from the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs or the federal government verifying the applicant's service record.

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## Universal Veteran



Issued to any Illinois resident who has served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

These plates offer the option of displaying the branch of service, and/or theater of action. Decals for branch of service and theater of action are available through the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Adjutant-Quartermaster, or the American Legion, Department of the Adjutant.

**Required:** a photocopy of DD214 (discharge from military service) or a letter from the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs or the federal government verifying military service.

If requesting the POW / MIA license plate, no special documentation is required.

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## Registration Information

If your current Illinois license plates expire within 60 days and you have not renewed your registration, please submit the following:

1. Preprinted renewal application or registration application.
2. Documentation required for the plate category for which you are applying.
3. Proof of ownership.
4. Annual registration and other applicable fees. *(A \$15 fee is required for the original issuance of the Gold Star, Korean War Veteran, Bronze Star, Silver Star and Universal Veteran plates. A \$2 fee is required upon renewal.)*

If your current license plates **do not** expire within 60 days, you must apply for reclassification by submitting the following:

1. Registration application.
2. Documentation required for the plate category for which you are applying.
3. Current registration card.
4. \$14 replacement fee (plus any applicable original issuance fees).

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## Military Plate Facts

- All titles, transfers, duplicate registration cards and replacement license plates are subject to standard fees.
- Military license plates may be displayed on passenger cars, trucks and vans weighing 8,000 pounds or less.
- Korean War Veteran license plates may be displayed on recreational vehicles.
- Only one set of Disabled Veteran, Congressional Medal of Honor and Ex-Prisoner of War plates may be issued at no fee. Additional sets may be purchased at the standard annual registration fee of \$78.
- Purple Heart and Korean War Veteran plate applicants who receive a grant under the Circuit Breaker program may apply for a reduced registration fee.

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## **For More Information**

**Secretary of State  
Non-Standard Plates Section  
501 S. Second St., Room 539  
Springfield, IL 62756**

<b>Armed Forces Reserves:</b>	<b>(217) 785-1697</b>
<b>Congressional Medal of Honor:</b>	<b>(217) 785-4175</b>
<b>Disabled Veterans:</b>	<b>(217) 785-4175</b>
<b>Ex-Prisoner of War:</b>	<b>(217) 785-4175</b>
<b>Gold Star:</b>	<b>(217) 785-4175</b>
<b>Illinois National Guard:</b>	<b>(217) 785-1697</b>
<b>Korean War Veteran:</b>	<b>(217) 782-2884</b>
<b>Purple Heart:</b>	<b>(217) 785-4175</b>
<b>Retired Armed Forces:</b>	<b>(217) 785-1697</b>
<b>Pearl Harbor Survivor:</b>	<b>(217) 785-4175</b>
<b>Bronze Star, Silver Star:</b>	<b>(217) 785-4175</b>
<b>Universal Veteran:</b>	<b>(217) 782-2470</b>

**Toll-Free: (800) 252-8980**

**Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.**

**Sat., 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**Hispanic Line: (312) 793-1338 / 1339**

**Mon. - Fri., 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

For more information about documentation for  
Disabled Veteran and Ex-Prisoner of War plates:

**Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs  
833 S. Spring  
Springfield, IL 62794-9432  
(217) 782-3418**

**Veterans Administration Regional Office  
536 S. Clark St.  
Chicago, IL 60605  
(312) 663-5519**

For more information about documentation for  
Purple Heart or Korean War Veteran plates:

**Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs  
833 S. Spring  
Springfield, IL 62794-9432  
(217) 782-3418**

**National Personnel Records Center  
9700 Page Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63132**